

The Latest Buzz on the Hill ...

Our monthly report
Staying in touch with
“News you can Use”

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Important announcements ...

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Defending Canadian Jobs from Tariffs...

In the face of the United States unjustified tariffs on Canada the government is using every tool at our disposal so Canadian workers and businesses can weather the storm. A number of new measures are being implemented to protect Canadian jobs and ensure businesses have the liquidity they need through this turbulent time.

These measures include:

- **Launching the Trade Impact Program.** This program will deploy \$5 billion over two years, starting this year, to help exporters reach new markets for Canadian products and help companies navigate the economic challenges imposed by the tariffs, including losses from non-payment, currency fluctuations, lack of access to cash flows, and barriers to expansion.
- **Making \$500 million in favourably priced loans available through the Business Development Bank of Canada to support impacted businesses** in sectors directly targeted by tariffs, as well as companies in their supply chains.
- **Providing \$1 billion in new financing through Farm Credit Canada to reduce financial barriers for the Canadian agriculture and food industry.** This lending offer will help address cash flow challenges so that businesses can adjust to a new operating environment and continue to supply the high-quality agricultural and food products that Canadians rely on.

The guidelines of the *Investment Canada Act* have been updated to further protect our Canadian businesses from harmful takeover. In addition, temporary flexibilities to the EI Work-Sharing Program are being introduced to increase access and maximum agreement duration between businesses and their employees.

For info, scan the QR code or go to: www.canada.ca/en/departement-finance/news/2025/03/fighting-for-canadian-workers-and-businesses.html



New Measures to Support Canada's Construction Industry

The GOVERNMENT has announced new measures supporting the construction industry. The measures will help reinforce existing efforts to tackle the housing crisis, help newcomers and ensure the integrity and sustainability of our immigration system.

Key measures include:

- Immediately convening a tripartite Advisory Council, consisting of the federal government, unions, and industry leaders to identify key labour needs and advise on parameters for future temporary and permanent pathways to bring in and retain construction labour.

- Support for foreign apprentices who are contributing now to the sector, to complete their studies without a study permit.
- A new regularization pathway for out of status construction workers to allow undocumented migrants already contributing to the sector to regularize their status.

For info scan the QR code or go to: www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/news/2025/03/canada-takes-action-to-support-housing-with-new-immigration-measures.html



National School Food Program

Reaching Kids Across Canada



The federal government has implemented a national school food program with all provinces.

The agreement with British Columbia will enhance school food programs for 90,000 kids in just over 1,000 schools across the province this school year. With this agreement, families in British Columbia with two children in school can save an estimated \$800 in grocery bills a year on average.

British Columbia has also signed a \$670 million agreement for pharmacare with the federal government. The plan will support 550,000 diabetic residents and provide 1.3 million people with contraceptives.

For info, scan the QR code or go to: www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2025/03/healthy-meals-for-kids-savings-for-families-in-british-columbia.html



Call for Proposal for Prevention and Addressing Family Violence

A new call for proposals has been launched to support new projects aimed at preventing and addressing child maltreatment.

The overall objectives of this call for proposals are to:

- prevent and address child maltreatment by delivering and testing health promotion interventions to support children, families and caregivers
- build and share evidence of effective approaches to prevent and address child maltreatment
- build the capacity of service providers to prevent and address child maltreatment

Applicants are invited to apply for funding for a project that addresses at least one of the following two key action areas:

- Deliver a health promotion intervention that prevents or addresses child maltreatment
- Equip service providers to prevent, recognize and respond safely to child maltreatment, through training, resources and or other supports and mechanisms

For info, scan the QR code or go to: www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/funding-opportunities/grant-contribution-funding-opportunities/call-proposals-projects-aimed-preventing-addressing-child-maltreatment.html



The upcoming ELECTION

Although we have a 'fixed' election date of October 20th, 2025 this year, an election could take place any time before then given the current situation.

The Election Campaign

During the campaign period, the government is in 'caretaker mode'. It can take care of routine business, but it must avoid actions that could commit future governments to new policies, expenditures and appointments.

Services Here at Home

Our constituency office will continue to serve Fleetwood – Port Kells until election day when our operations will end. I will not be seeking re-election and therefore a new Member of Parliament will then begin serving everyone here at home once he or she is officially sworn in and has an office team in place.

This is important:

As election day gets closer, we may not have enough time to complete our work on every immigration, visa or CRA file. So, we will offer everyone with an active case an opportunity to get the details of their file, which they can then take to their new Member of Parliament who may decide to continue working on their behalf.

For all info pertaining to the Election, please contact ELECTION CANADA either scan QR code or go to: www.elections.ca or call: 1.800.463.6868.



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